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朝練終わりにいつもシャワーを浴びてた……。
あの頃はいつも、スラパン一枚でウロウロしてたなぁ。

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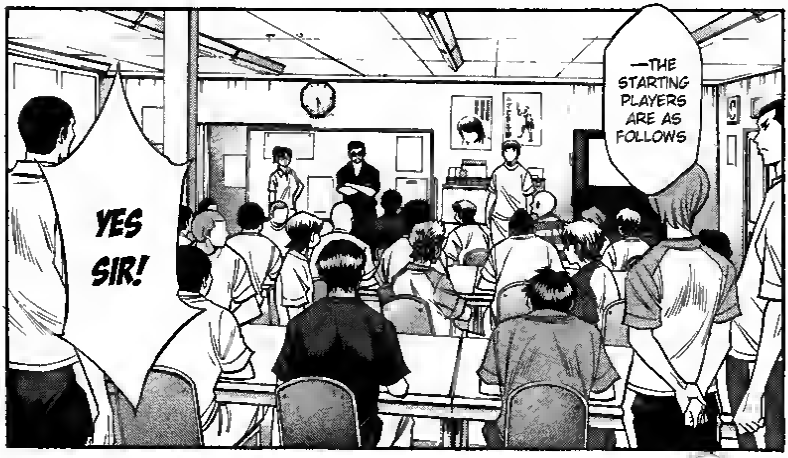
—THE STARTING PLAYERS ARE AS FOLLOWS
YES SIR!

RELIEF PITCHER, TANBA
ROUTE SD 79

THE STARTING PITCHER, FURUYA.
Stewart

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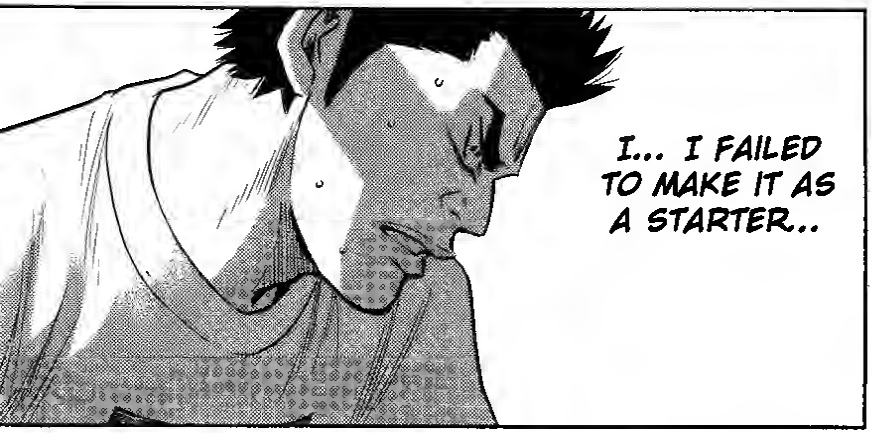
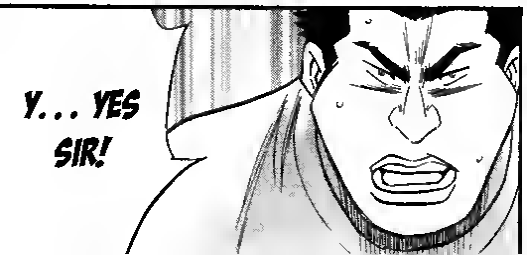
KAWAKAMI AND SAWAMURA WILL WARM UP DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION.
I WILL DEFINITELY LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS!
DISMISSED!
YES SIR!
Chapter 148 / The Night Before

HE FEELS LIKE THE SAFER BET COMPARED TO THE OTHER RELIEF PITCHERS
FURUYA IS THE STARTING PITCHER
ALTHOUGH IT IS THE FINALS, HE HAS PITCHED AS A STARTER FOR 4 GAMES


I... I FAILED TO MAKE IT AS A STARTER..

DON'T NEGLECT YOUR PREPARATIONS.
AS A PINCH HITTER AND RELIEF FIELDER... IN THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE GAME, I WILL DEFINITELY SEND YOU ONTO THE FIELD


Y... YES SIR!

SAKAI

DO YOUR BEST, KADO!
YEAH.
青道
IN TOMORROW'S GAME, THE TRICKIEST BIT WILL BE GRASPING THE TIMING FOR THE PITCHER SUBSTITUTIONS.
FURUYA'S STARTER POSITION AND TANBA-SAN'S CONDITION...
IT'S OVER FOR US IF THEY DON'T PERFORM WELL IN THE GAME.
TOMORROW IS LITERALLY AN ALL-OUT GAME.
EVEN THE PLAYERS ON THE BENCH WILL BE FIGHTING ALL-OUT—...
NOT TO MENTION, OUR OPPONENT IS...

LET ME SEE HIS SET POSITION AGAIN.
AH... ALL RIGHT.
NO! LIKE THIS!
LIKE THIS?
DEVELOPING NEW CHOREOGRAPHY.
NO TIME TO FEEL SHY.

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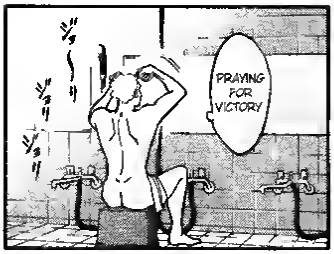
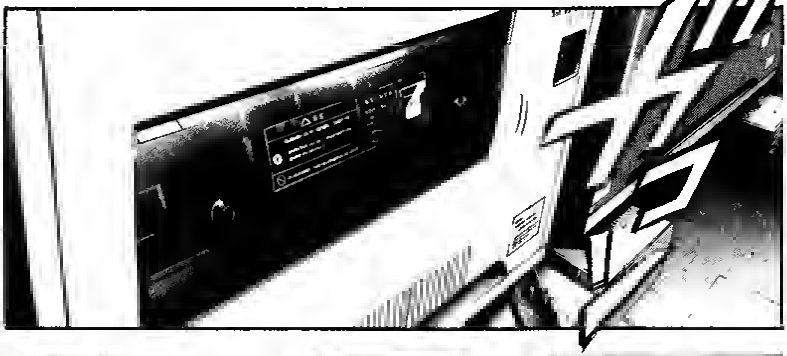
SPECIAL BLEND
PROTEIN


PRAYING FOR VICTORY

ALL RIGHT!

HE SHAVED AGAIN.
HE SHAVED



DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT LOUD?
NOT TO MENTION VOLUNTARILY.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHY IS A STARTER FOR TOMORROW PLAYING GROUND BOY?

AH... WRONG. IS ASHIKI-SENPAI WANTS GRAPE-FLAVOURED.
BAKA! SAY THAT SOONER!
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS COLA?

WE'RE BACK WITH THE DRINKS...

AH!

BASTARD!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHECKING ON OUR JUNIOR'S BEHAVIOR!
WHY ARE YOU MAD!?

TETSU-SA—
IT'S KURAMACHI. HE SEEMS CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND

AH~~~ THAT! MY CELL PHONE!
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT IT WITHOUT PERMISSION!!

I KEEP TELLING YOU, SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND!!
YOSH, LEND ME YOUR PHONE LET'S SEND YOUR GIRLFRIEND A PHOTO OF YOUR SENPAI
HUH!?
OH.... IS THAT SO? WE'LL CONFIRM IT WITH HER BY EMAIL...

!
ALL RIGHT!

IS WAKANA COMING TO-MORROW?
YESTERDAY ON TV, WAKANA...
YOU JUST WANT TO SAY WAKANA'S NAME!!
IS WAKANA ASLEEP?

GYAHAHAHAHA
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!

ERM, TETSU-SAN.
COULD YOU CHECK OUR BATTING FORM LATER...
NG
GYAHAHAHA
HOW DARE YOU TALK TO HIS SENPAI SO CASUALLY!
....
DAMN SAWAMURA!! WHY ARE YOU HAVING FUN WITH THE SENPAI!
MUFFLE MUFFLE (DO I LOOK LIKE I'M HAVING FUN~~~)
EVEN WE ARE FEELING SLIGHTLY NERVOUS!
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE SENPAI ARE TOO SOFT ON THE 1ST YEARS! YOU'RE TOO STRICT ON US!!
I'M NOT MAD!!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING MAD ABOUT, ZONO...
HUH!? THIS ISN'T GETTING MAD!!

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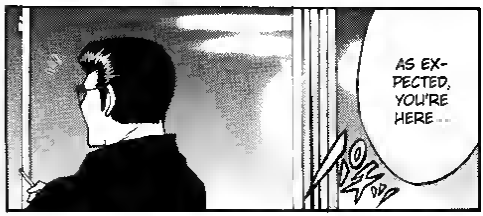
AH, RIGHT! YOU HIT AZUMA-SAN WITH YOUR PITCHES!
しばしば
NO... THAT WAS BAD LUCK...
Steward

パシィ
青心寮
HEY~~~ EVERY-ONE...
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU RE-TURNED TO YOUR ROOMS...?


AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE HERE...
KOYA

COACH... YOU'D BETTER REST.

THE GAME TOMORROW... DO YOU RECKON WE CAN WIN?
HUH?
AM I UNDERESTIMATING OUR OPPONENT IF I THINK WE HAVE A 50% CHANCE OF WINNING?
Y... THERE'S NO SUCH THING...
OUR PLAYERS WILL DEFINITELY——
I SEE.
TO BE HONEST, I THINK THAT IT'S 60:40 AGAINST US.

OF COURSE, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR PERFORMANCE.
BUT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR OUR BATTING LINEUP TO GET RUNS OFF NARUMIYA-KUN.

HOW WELL CAN THEY MANAGE TO KEEP INASHIRO'S BATTING LINEUP FROM SCORING...
AS EXPECTED, THE KEY TO VICTORY IS OUR PITCHING LINEUP.

FURUYA-KUN WILL PITCH THROUGH THE 5TH INNING
TANBA-KUN WILL SUPPRESS THEM FOR THE REMAINING 4 INNINGS.

...

S... SO WE'RE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE?

I THINK THIS IS THE MOST IDEAL PLAN WITHOUT USING MORE RELIEF PITCHERS.
OF COURSE, I THINK THAT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN WE NEED KAWAKAMI-KUN AND SAWAMURA-KUN'S STRENGTH.
DEPENDING ON FURUYA AND TANBA FOR 9 INNINGS...
INDEED, IT IS THE IDEAL LINEUP...

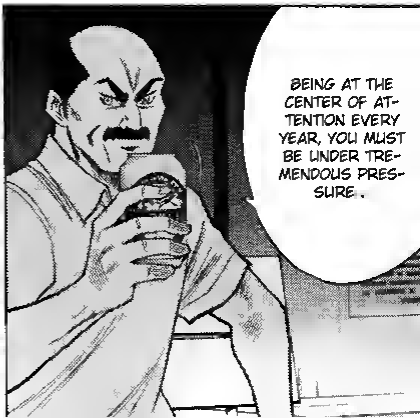
ALL THAT REMAINS IS WHICH SIDE THE GODDESS OF VICTORY WILL SMILE UPON
EVEN IF IT'S A LUCKY WIN...
OR A DIFFICULT WIN, ANYTHING IS FINE..

I WANT TO TAKE THESE GUYS TO KO-SHIEN—...

C... COACH...
YOUR FEELINGS
WILL DEFINITELY REACH... THE PLAYERS...

TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY...
SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE A LONG DAY AHEAD, COACH KUNITOMO...

WHEN WE MAKE IT TO KOSHIEN, IT WILL CREATE MORE FUSS AROUND US...
WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER QUIET TOAST LIKE THIS...


BEING AT THE CENTER OF ATTENTION EVERY YEAR, YOU MUST BE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE.

THOSE KIDS WILL DEFINITELY LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

ACE'S ROOM

31ST
JULY
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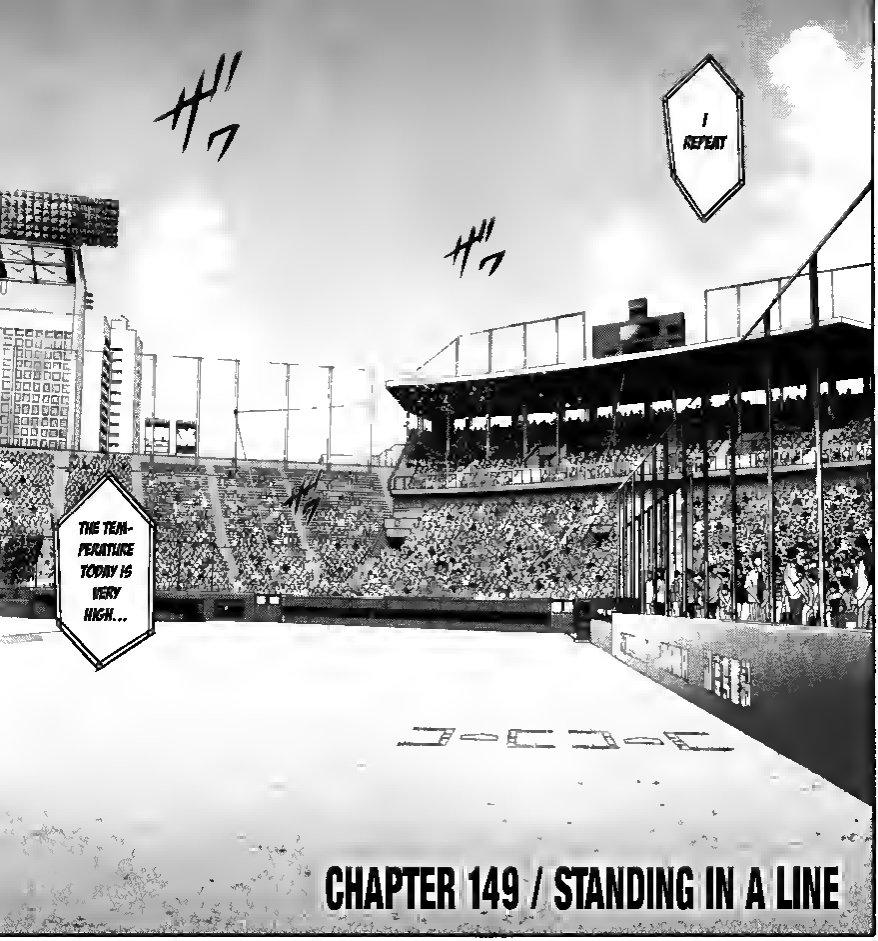
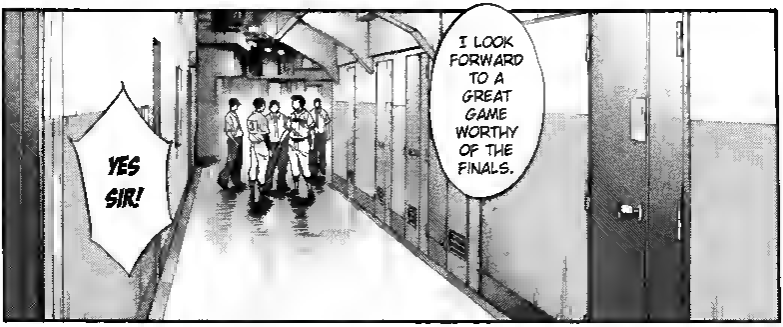
球場

Today's schedule
13:00 PM
SCHEDULED START
All Japan High School
Baseball Championship Tokyo Championship
INASHIRO
SEIDOU
THE FINALS OF WEST TOKYO CHAMPIONSHIP
WILL COMMENCE AT 1PM.
THE TEMPERATURE TODAY IS VERY HIGH
PLEASE ENSURE SUFFICIENT WATER INTAKE TO PREVENT HEAT STROKES.
CSK
KIRIN



CHAPTER 149 / STANDING IN A LINE

INASHIRO WILL TAKE THE FIELD FIRST. IS THIS ALRIGHT?
THEN SEIDOU WILL BAT FIRST.


YES SIR!
I LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT GAME WORTHY OF THE FINALS.

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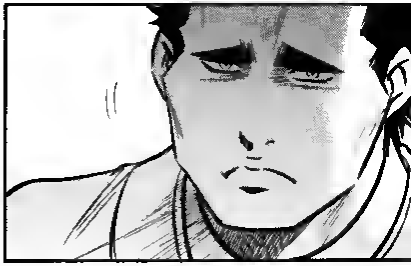
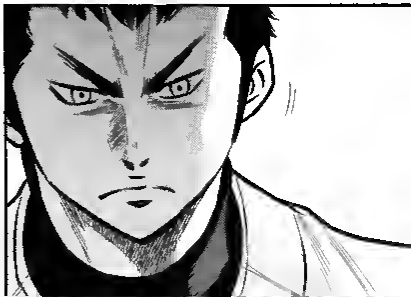




LET'S GO!
YEAH!
THEY'RE HERE—!!
SEIDOU'S NINE!!
AH.

MASUKO —!!
GO FOR IT!
TETSU -SAN!!
KATAOKA -SAN
JUST NOW THE VOICE ?
W WHERE IS EIJUN!?
IT'S TOO FAR TO SEE FROM HERE!!
THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU!!
INASHIRO IS THE BEST!!
NARU-MIYA!!
MEI !!
TAIGA!?
MIYUKI —!!
ISHI-SHI-KI!!
SEIDOU —!!
GO TO KOSHIEN THIS YEAR!!

GO TO KOSHIEN !!
CARLOS !!
INASA !!
MEI !!
NASHIRO
西東京

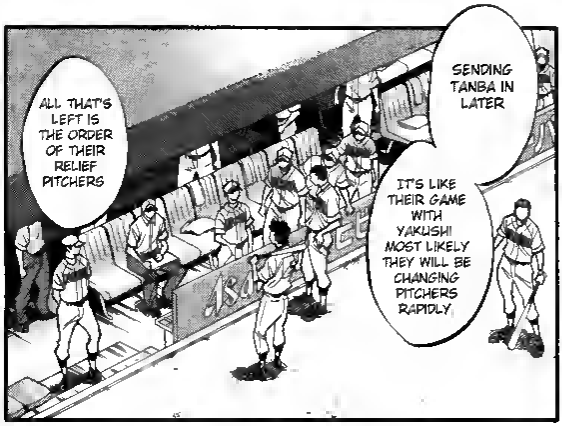
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, COACH KUMAMOTO —!!
TAKE THEM TO KOSHIEN AGAIN THIS YEAR!!
KATAOKA —!!
SEIDOH —!!
SEIDOH —!!
AMAZING! THE CROWD SIZE...
INASHIRO —!!

DON'T YOU YELL NEXT TO MY EAR!!
WE WILL WIN ～!!

DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH WATER TO FIGHT THE HIGH TEMPERATURE, YOUR BODY WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE
FURUYA

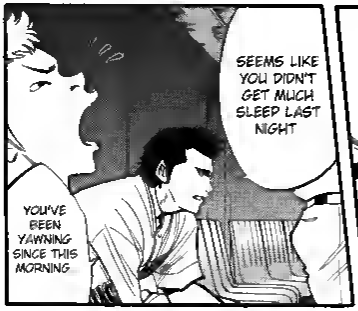
WATCH IT, BASTARD!
THE WEAKEST DOG BARKS THE LOUDEST

I CAN FEEL HIS INTENSE FIGHTING SPIRIT...
FINE, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T CAUSE HIM TO PUT TOO MUCH POWER IN HIS PITCHES ...


ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE ORDER OF THEIR RELIEF PITCHERS
SENDING TANBA IN LATER
IT'S LIKE THEIR GAME WITH YAKUSHI! MOST LIKELY THEY WILL BE CHANGING PITCHERS RAPIDLY

SO FURUYA IS START-ING...

...THAT SO?


SEEMS LIKE YOU DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP LAST NIGHT
YOU'VE BEEN YAWNING SINCE THIS MORNING

yawn

IT'S ALRIGHT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR THAT WORRIED LOOK

HE'S BEEN THIS WAY NOW AND THEN SINCE OUR LOSS AT KOSHIEN...
HE ENDS UP LOSING SLEEP WHEN HE RE-CALLS THAT MOMENT...

I'M GETTING ALL EXCITED
THINK-ING OF HOW TO CRUSH THEM
IS THIS THE BATTLE YOU WANT...?
KAZUYA-...
2 YEARS AGO...
OI-OI, WHY ARE ALL THE GOOD PLAYERS TOGETHER?

YAMAOKA AND YABE FROM TAKAHIRA SENIOR.
SHIRAKAWA FROM MARUGAME SENIOR
CARLOS FROM JOUNAN SENIOR.
DID YOU GATHER ALL THESE GUYS? NARUMIYA
HAHA...
I AM FINE WITH OTHER CATCHERS.
BUT NARUMIYA INSISTS ON YOU..
YUP! AND ALSO KAZUYA
IF YOU JOIN US, MY IDEAL TEAM IS COMPLETE

KAZUYA WAS SCOUTED BY INASHIRO AS WELL? THEN LET'S FORM THE STRONGEST TEAM!
WITH ALL THESE MEMBERS, REIGNING AS THE NATIONAL CHAMPION IS NO DREAM!
I THINK THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS PERFECT!
INASHIRO HAS THE EXPERIENCED COACH KUNITOMO
AND THE BEST FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT
...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I'M SAVED FROM FACING NARUMIYA
OF COURSE YOU'LL JOIN US TOO?
MIYUKI KAZUYA
...

I... WAS SCOUTED BY SEIDOU A WHILE AGO
SORRY, BUT
HUH!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!!
COMPARED TO COACH KUNITOMO'S ACHIEVEMENTS DON'T YOU THINK THAT COACH KATAOKA IS TOO INEXPERIENCED?
NAH.... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
AFTER ALL, ISN'T THIS TEAM MADE UP OF INCREDIBLE PLAYERS?
SEIDOU, RIGHT ...
AFTER THEIR COACH RESIGNED, THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN TO KOSHIEN ONCE.

IN THAT CASE, I WANT TO PLAY AGAINST YOU ALL EVEN MORE.
THIS IS THE REASON I AM INTERESTED IN YOU.
WELL...
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
DESPITE BEING ON A WEAK TEAM, HIS EYES LIT UP EVERY TIME THEY DEFEATED AN OPPONENT.
I'M NOT PRAISING YOU!!
THAT'S JUST LIKE HIM...

I WANT TO ASK YOU AGAIN ONE LAST TIME—
SORRY, NO WAY!!
ISN'T THAT COOL...
BUT... I WON'T CARE EVEN IF YOU REGRET IT —...

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, WEST TOKYO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FINALS
UNDER THE BLUE SKY OF MIDSUMMER,
THE PLAYERS HAVE COME FORTH FROM THEIR BENCHES.
SEIKO
KIRIN
TOYOTA

SEIDOU HIGH SEEKING REVENGE FOR LAST YEAR AND AIMING FOR KOSHIEN AFTER 6 YEARS.
LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION INASHIRO TECH AIMING FOR A 2-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP REIGN.
INASHIRO
BOTH ARE PRESTIGIOUS, NATIONALLY KNOWN SCHOOLS.
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TOSHIBA
KIRIN
WHICH TEAM WILL GAIN CONTROL OF THIS GAME!?

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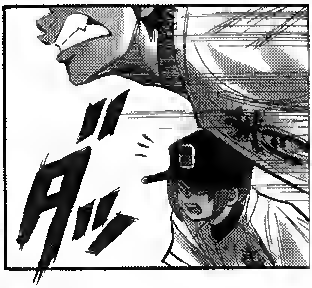

SEIDOU HIGH
KURAMOCHI
KOMINATO
ISASHIKI
YUUKI
MASUKO
MIYUKI
FURUYA
KADOTA
SHIRASU
1ST SHORTSTOP
2ND BASEMAN(2)
3RD CENTERFIELDER
4TH BASEMAN(1)
5TH BASEMAN(3)
6TH CATCHER
7TH PITCHER
8TH LEFT FIELDER
9TH RIGHT FIELDER
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The Starting Lineup of the Finals
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CARLOS
SHIRAKAWA
YOSHIZAWA
HARADA
NARUMIYA
YAMAOKA
HIRAI
SOYOGI
FUJIKAWA

TO THE PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS RUNNING FULL OF SPIRIT.
しゃー！
AUDIENCE IN THE STANDS, LET US GIVE THEM A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
IN RESPECT FOR THE TEAMS WHO HAVE COME SO FAR AND
HOW WILL THIS FINAL GAME TURN OUT ---
THAT'S RIGHT!
AIM UP!
OUR HOPES FOR THIS GAME.
STRAIGHT LINE!

YEEAAAAAH!
TOP OF 1ST INNING, INASHIRO FIELDING.
おおお
THE PLAYERS ARE GATHERING AT THE MOUND AND YELLING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.
AND OF COURSE THE ONE ON THE MOUND IS...

YET TO GIVE UP EVEN A SINGLE RUN IN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP
2ND— YEAR ACE, NARUMIYA MEI
INASHIRO
AND ALSO THE CATCHER FOR THIS 2ND YEAR ACE...
CAPTAIN AND 4TH BATTER, 3RD— YEAR HARADA
THE FEATURE OF INASHIRO THIS YEAR IS THEY HAVE 4 2ND— YEAR PLAYERS AMONG THEIR 9 STARTERS.
UNTIL THEY GET AHEAD OF US IN RUNS, JUST SWING AT THE GOOD PITCHES!
DON'T BE AFRAID OF BEING STRUCK OUT,
PICK THE PITCHES YOU HIT!

IN THIS HOT WEATHER...
IF WE MAKE NARUMIYA PITCH MORE, THE CHANCES OF HIM MAKING A BLUNDER WILL INCREASE
しゃあああ
HOW WILL SEIDOU DEFEAT THE ACE NARUMIYA, WHO HASN'T GIVEN UP A SINGLE RUN SO FAR?
IN CONTRAST TO INASHIRO WITH ITS UNWAVERING ACE,
SEIDOU HAS BEEN WINNING THUS FAR USING THEIR RELIEF PITCHER RELAY
YEAH...
THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS GAME, RIGHT?

NO DOUBT THE OUTCOME OF THIS GAME LIES IN THE STRENGTH OF THE PITCHERS ON BOTH TEAMS
I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS GAME WILL TURN OUT, BUT
TOP OF 1ST INNING IS SEIDOU BATTING.
BATTING 1ST, SHORTSTOP KURAMOCHI-KUN.
KURAMO-CHI~~~ GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
WATCH THE BALL CAREFULLY, KURAMOCHI -SENPAI!
HUH? LEFT BATTER BOX...

ISN'T HE A SWITCH HITTER!?
NOT IN THE RIGHT BATTER BOX WHERE HE CAN SEE THE PITCH
INSTEAD HE STOOD IN THE LEFT BATTER BOX
PLAY BALL!
SHIBA KRIN
Uniden
Uniden
SO YOU CHOSE TO BE A LITTLE CLOSER TO 1ST BASE...
...OR RATHER
HMPH
ASHIRO

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'LL GO FOR A SAFETY BUNT

ARGH!
BALL!
DON'T LET HIM RACK UP A GOOD COUNT EASILY.
GOOD
IF HE'S LETTING IT PASS, THEN HE'S WAITING FOR SOMETHING ELSE...
ALTHOUGH IT'S A BALL, IT'S BORDERLINE...

ARE YOU HITTING IT OR NOT..
YOU.. BAS-TARD.
DO IT CLEARLY!!

BALL!
BALL FOUR!
SO YOU DIDN'T HIT!
BAKA, WHY DID YOU WALK HIM!!
YEAH!!

NARUMIYA-KUN WAS EXCESSIVELY CAUTIOUS...
YEAH. AFTER ALL, HE'S THE MOST TROUBLING RUNNER TO HAVE ON BASE
I'LL BEAT HIM UP LATER!
SHOW SOME CONFIDENCE!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S GOOD, KURAMOCHI-SENPAI!!
YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO!
BATTING 2ND, 2ND BASEMAN, KOMINATO-KUN.
WITH A FAST RUNNER ON 1ST BASE AND A GOOD 2ND BATTER,
SEIDOU HAS MANY OFFENSIVE STRATEGIES THEY CAN USE.
AGAINST NARUMIYA, WITH NO OUTS AND A RUNNER ON BASE,
WILL THEY AVOID OVERDOING IT WITH A SACRIFICE BUNT

THAT BASTARD, HE'S GOT A HUGE LEAD OFF FIRST.
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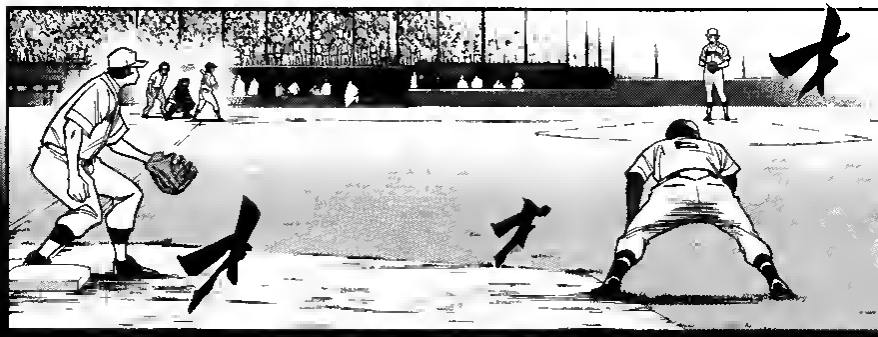
ジリリ
ミ
DIE!

KOMINATO TOOK A BUNT STANCE RIGHT FROM THE START...
SO IT IS INDEED A SACRIFICE...
CAUSING MEI TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE RUNNER,
YOU!
AND HITTING IT COULD BE A POSSIBILITY...
...IT'S JUST THE 1ST INNING
FOCUS ON THE BATTER ...MEI!
SUCH A BOTHER.



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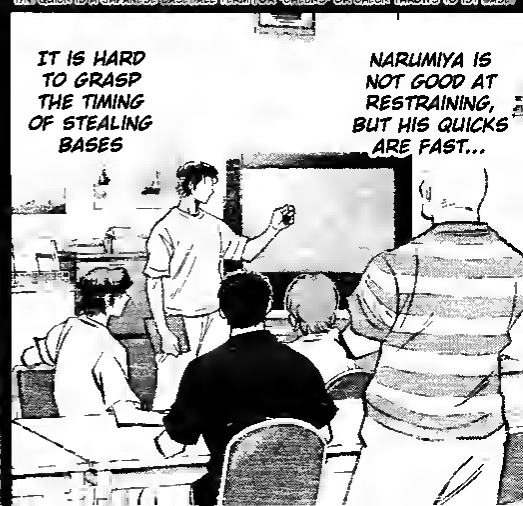

—BE DARING IN THE MIDST OF CAUTION,
YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF TAKING RISKS —

A STEAL!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!

AN IMPOSSIBLE STEAL AT THE FIRST PITCH!!
BUT THE BALL FROM HOME BASE IS FLYING LIKE AN ARROW!!
T...THAT'S SUICIDAL!
AFTER ALL THE EFFORT OF GETTING A CHANCE!

SA
FE!!

SUCCESSFULLY STOLEN BASE—!!
W...WHAT INCREDIBLE SPEED!
HE DECIDED TO STEAL BASE DESPITE THE BATTERY BEING WARY OF HIM!!
HIS TOP SPEED IS CLOSE TO CARLOS
TAKING SUCH A HUGE RISK SO RESOLUTELY IN THE 1ST INNING!?
N..NO
HOW BOLD...
IF IT WERE AN OUT, IT WOULD BE A HUGE DAMAGE.

WHETHER IT IS THE FINAL'S GAME, OR WHETHER THE OPPONENT IS INASHIRO, THEY WILL PLAY WITH THEIR OWN WAY OF BASEBALL—
THIS WAY OF OFFENSE IS SEIDOU'S BASEBALL—
NO OUTS, RUNNER ON 2ND B. SE...
YOU'VE DONE IT!!
INASHIRO

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SAFETY BUNT?
ISN'T HE HOLDING WITH ONE HAND!!
MEI!! THROW TO 1ST!
I...
GOT...

...IT!
YEAH~~~ RUNNER ON 3RD!!
RYOU-SAN, NICE BUNT!

WITH A RUNNER ON 3RD BASE, INASHIRO SUDDENLY FACES A PINCH IN THE 1ST INNING.
WITH THIS, THEY WILL BE FACING THE CLEANUP FROM SEIDOU'S STRONG-HITTING LINEUP!
青道

JUN-SAN, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
YEAH!
IT'S JUST THE 1ST INNING!
CALM DOWN!
BATTING 3RD, CENTER FIELDER, ISASHIKI-KUN.
ISA-SHIKI~!!
LET'S GO!!
NARROWING DOWN THE PITCHES TO HIT, AND THEN FROM THE 1ST PITCH
ISASHIKI-KUN SPECIALIZES IN HITTING THE BALL TO THE RIGHT...
THEY WOULD DEFINITELY WANT TO GET 1 RUN
1 OUT, RUNNER AT 3RD, AND A STRONG HITTER UP.

INASHIRO PLAYERS ARE PREPARING TO THROW BACK HOME!
THE INFIELDERS ARE MOVING IN.
Uniden
SHUT UP!
IN THIS SITUATION, WE HAVE TO EXPECT TO GIVE UP A RUN
SQUEEZE PLAY, SACRIFICE FLY...
EVEN IF IT'S A GROUNDER, HE'S BRIMMING WITH THE INTENT OF GETTING BACK TO HOME PLATE...
BUT IF WE MAKE IT THROUGH THIS PINCH, WE WILL GRASP THE FLOW OF THIS GAME—

ESPECIALLY THIS GUY WHO WILL HIT EVEN THE FIRST PITCH... PITCH A MEAN ONE!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, ME!?
COME ON... COME ON.
INASHIRO'S BATTERY ARE AWARE OF JUN-SAN'S TENDENCY TO HIT TO THE RIGHT...
THEY WON'T PITCH AN EASY BALL TO THE OUTSIDE CORNER, JUN-SAN.
BRING IT ON...

PITCH TO THE INSIDE CORNER! BRING IT!!
ALL RIGHT!
JUST AS I PRE-DICTED...

SLIDER...
A...
GWO...
WOOOH!

あぁ
HE HIT THE FIRST PITCH!!
AND SENT IT FLYING HIGH—
2ND, BACK!
DESPITE THAT PITCH, HE STILL TOOK A FULL SWING.
DROP!
DROP!
んむむ
WILL THE BALL LAND IN AN INTERESTING PLACE—?
N...NO... THE INFIELDERS ARE TOO FAR IN...

FLY AWAY ～～～!!
ポテン
YEAH!
AH～～ IT LANDED!
NO WAY!
AFTER CONFIRMING THE LANDING OF THE BALL...
3RD BASE RUNNER KURAMOCHI-KUN HAS RETURNED TO HOME PLATE!
RIGHT IN BETWEEN THE 2ND BASEMAN AND CENTER FIELDER!

SEIDOU HIGH SCORES FIRST...!!
FROM THE ACE PITCHER WHO HASN'T GIVEN UP A SINGLE RUN IN THIS CHAMPION-SHIP,
NICE BAT-TING!
JUN-SAN!
THEY SCORED THE FIRST RUN EASILY—!!
あああ
YEAH!
YEAH!

T... THIS IS HUGE! THIS TIMELY HIT...
he hit the first pitch enthusiastically
YEAH... KURAMOCHI-KUN'S SUCCESS IN STEALING BASE IS THE START OF THIS CASCADE...
ALSO, THE NEXT BATTER IS...
1 OUT, RUNNER AT 1ST.
THE PILLAR OF SEIDOU'S BATTER LINEUP
4TH BATTER 1ST BASEMAN YUUKI-KUN AT-BAT!!

YUUKI!!
TETSU-SAN!
TETSU!!
LEADER!!
1
FROM OUR OPPONENTS SO FAR...
THEY ARE REALLY DIFFERENT...
EASILY LETTING THEM SCORE FIRST...
DON'T LOSE IT, MEI...
IT'S JUST... THE 1ST INNING...
INASHIRO

INASHR
HIT IT!
ALL THE WAY...

HIS EXPRESSION CHANGED!?
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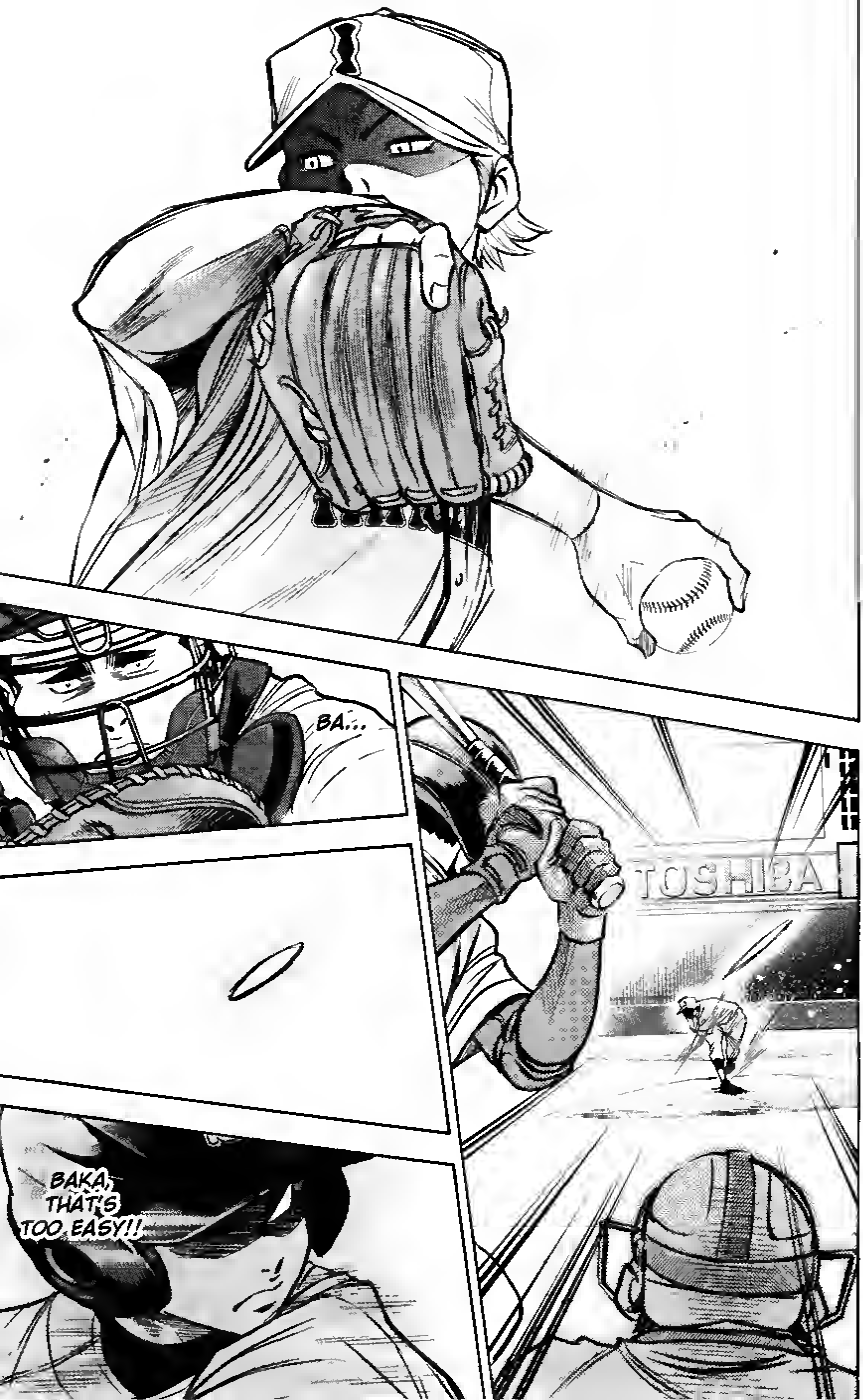
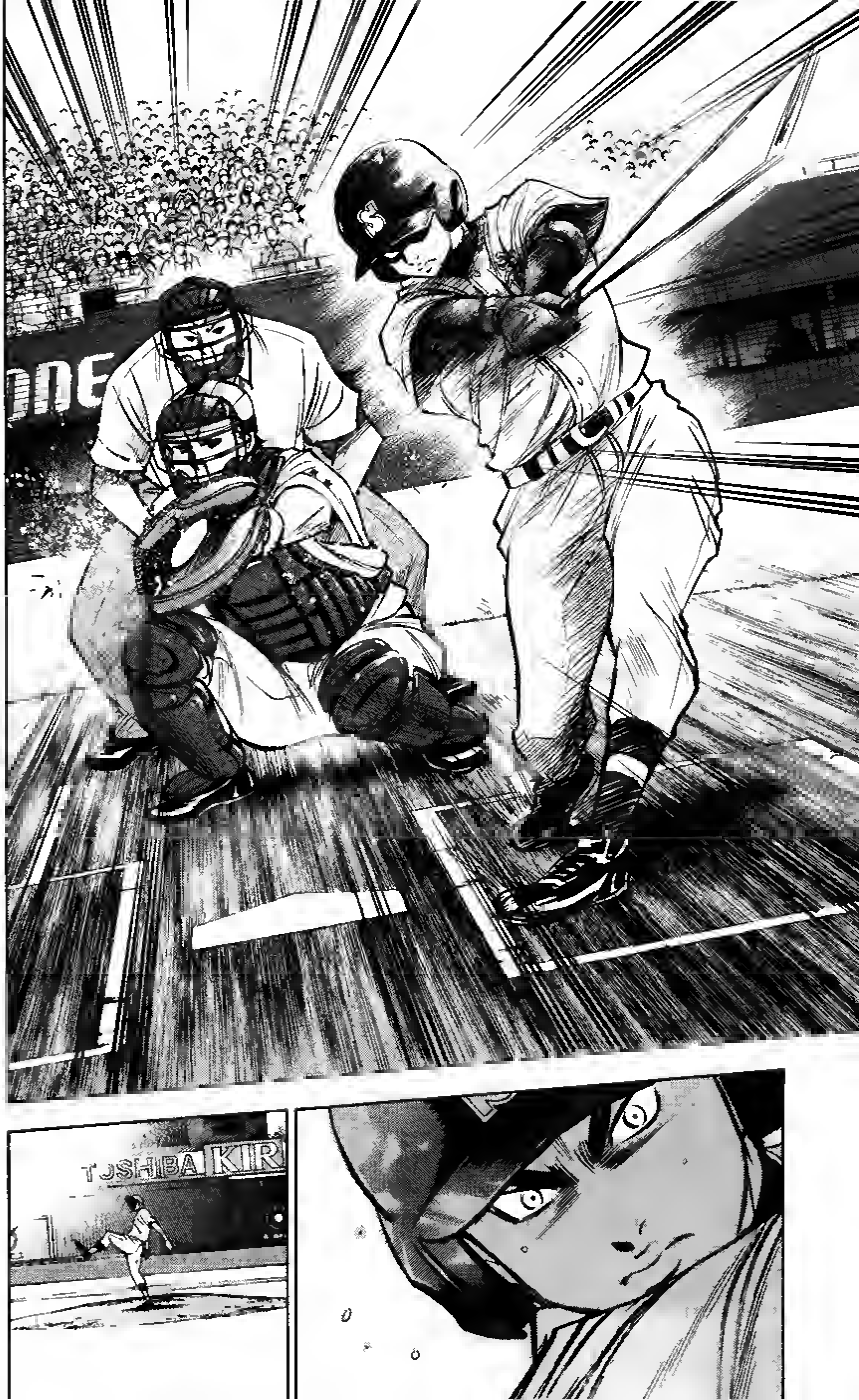

BA...
TOSHIBA
BAKA, THAT'S TOO EASY!!



A REAL FACE-OFF WITH THE 4TH BATTER!
THE FIRST PITCH ENTERED THE STRIKE ZONE
A PITCHER WHO'D SHOW HIS COWARDICE AT SUCH A MOMENT...
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH INASHIRO'S ACE NUMBER—
OF COURSE!
IT... IT'S FINE TO FIGHT IT OUT STRAIGHT OUT, RIGHT?
...THIS BAKA!
...

BUT...
THIS...
WITH YUUKI ON THE FIELD
DAMN THAT MEL HE'S GETTING SERIOUS!
ENDLESS CHANCES ARE FOLLOWING...

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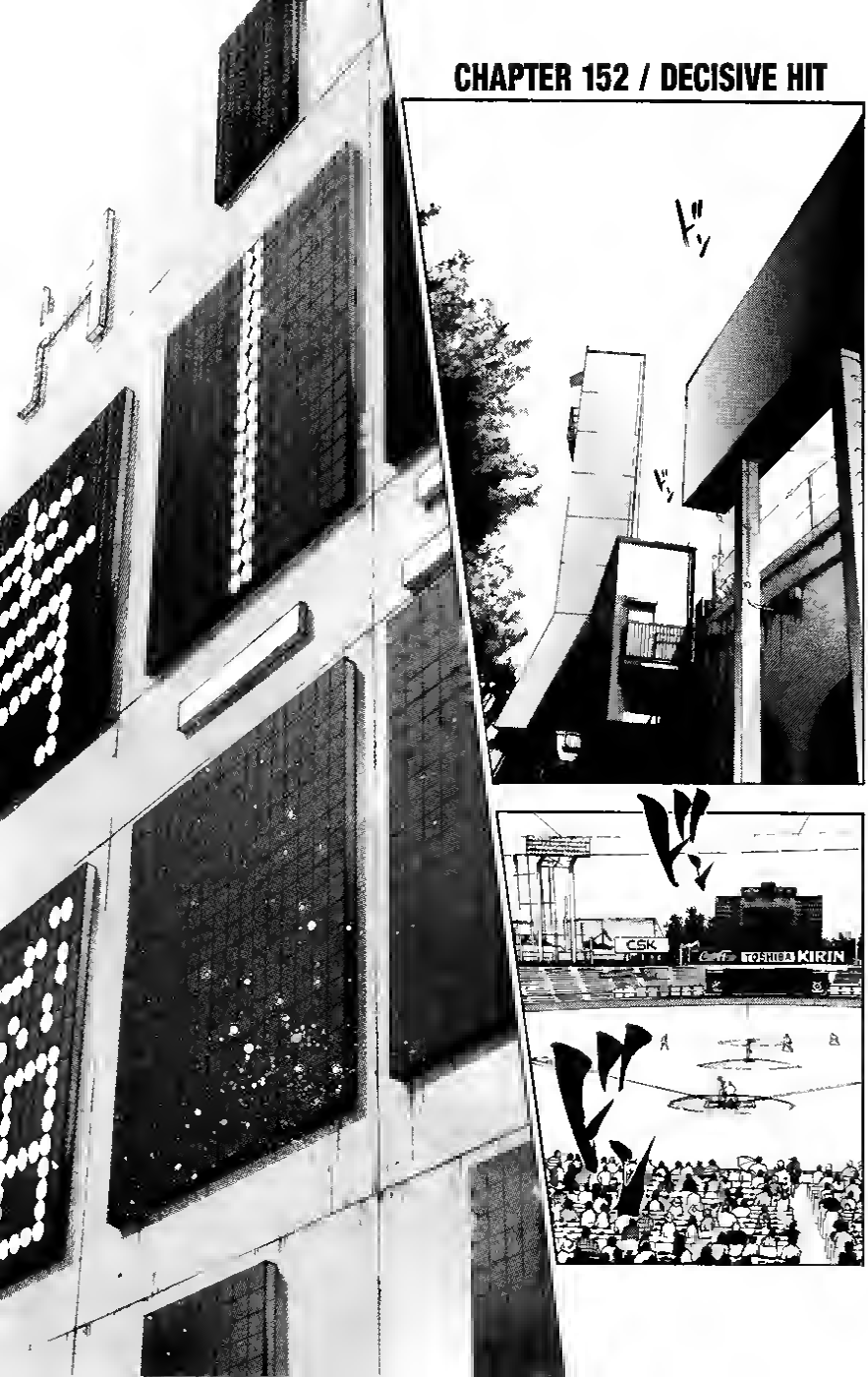

YEAH...
THE COUNT IS 2 AND 1,
NARUMIYA-KUN... IS PUTTING TOO MUCH POWER INTO HIS PITCHES...
OK, OK. GOOD EYE!
THE PITCHER IS MESSING UP!
SEIDOU WANTS TO SCORE ANOTHER RUN WITH THEIR 4TH AND 5TH BATTER —
BEFORE NARUMIYA-KUN GETS INTO THE PACE OF GAME,
Asahi アサヒビール
IT'S ABOUT TIME—?
EASE UP ON YOUR POWER, MEI
DON'T YOU DARE HOLD BACK!
THIS GUY WILL NOT SWING AT BALLS...
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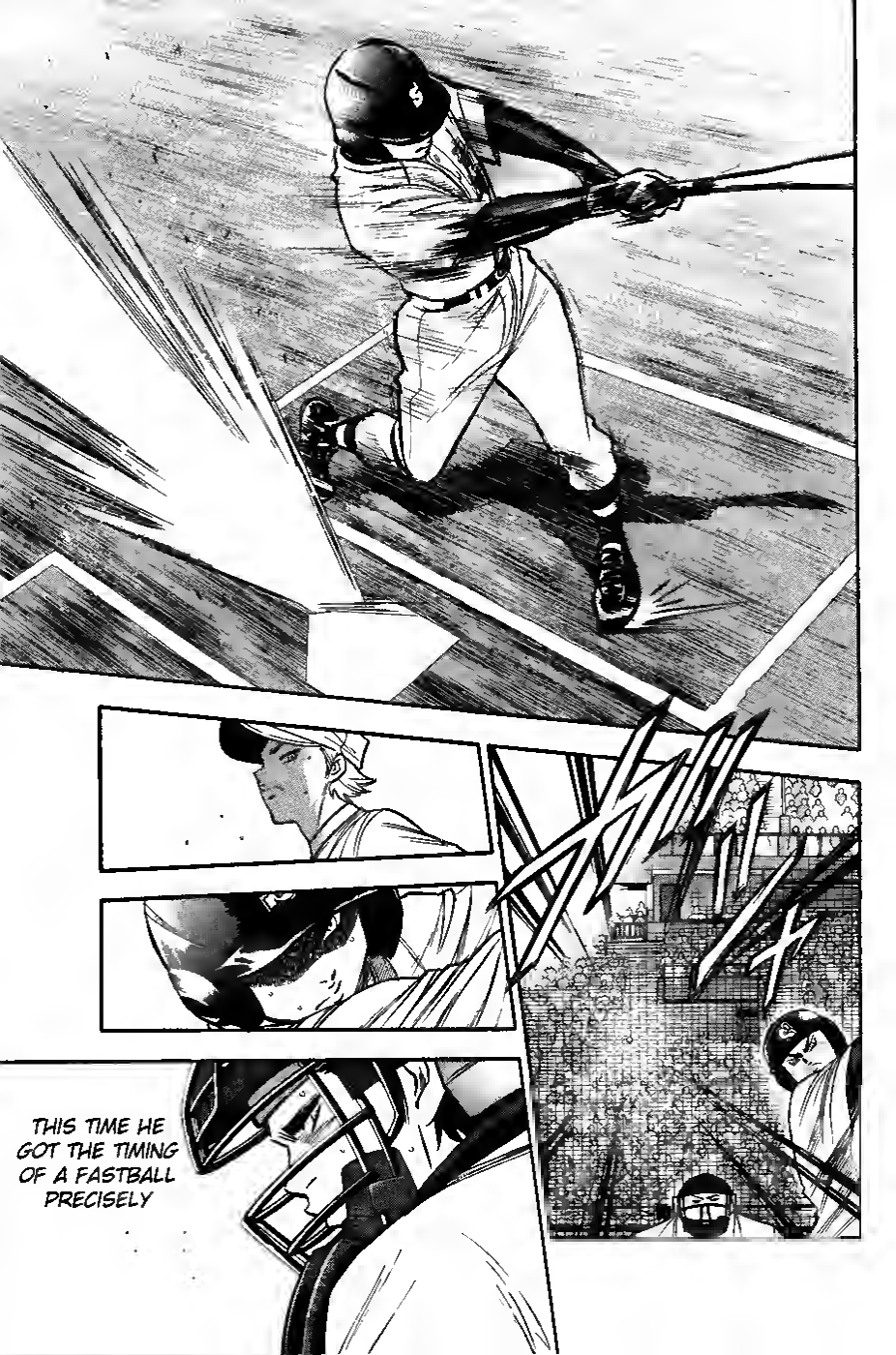
BRING IT ON
CHANGEUP —
INASHIRO


THIS TIME HE GOT THE TIMING OF A FASTBALL PRECISELY

AS EXPECTED, HE WON'T LET US STRIKE HIM OUT
I AM NOT TRYING TO SCARE YOU...
TO BREAK THEIR MOMENTUM, WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO STRIKE HIM OUT—

HIT IT, TETSU — !!
STRIKE HIM OUT!
MEI — !
THIS IS A CHANCE TO HIT A WINNING SHOT OFF MEI — !!
RIGHT NOW, HE IS NO LONGER CALM AFTER GIVING UP A RUN.
AND THE ONE CAPABLE OF DOING IT, IS — ...

KIRIN
IT'S HERE.
THE CHANGEUP
HOLD YOUR GROUND...
JUST AS PREDICTED...

京セラ

WHAT...
THIS, IS
MEI'S CHANGE-UP—
NOT JUST MESSING UP THE TIMING
ALSO CAUSING THE BALL TO SINK NEAR THE HANDS LIKE A SCREWBALL?

HIRO
西東
DID HE GET THE TIMING PRECISELY... JUST NOW...
YEAH.. HE GOT IT RIGHT.
EVEN SO, IT ONLY HIT THE LOWER PART OF THE BAT...
THAT PITCH IS BEYOND YUUKI-KUN'S IMAGINATION...

STRIKE OUT! CHANGE!
DESPITE LOSING A RUN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TODAY'S GAME,
HIS PERFECT PITCHING CONSECUTIVELY STRUCK OUT THE 4TH AND 5TH BATTERS...

IN THE END, WE ONLY GET TO SEE A SINGLE CHAN-GEUP
Uniden
SAWAMURA!
YES!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING DECENT!
DEFEND PROPERLY WHEN WE CHANGE OVER!
OK, OK! WE GOT 1 RUN!

DO I LOOK LIKE THAT?
OI, MEI!
WHY ARE GETTING SO FIRED UP IN THE 1ST INNING!
IT'S NOT THAT I GOT SERIOUS BECAUSE I GAVE UP A RUN.
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BREAK THE RECORD FOR NOT GIVING UP ANY RUNS
SO YOU DID GET SERIOUS...
IF WE GIVE UP RUNS, WE'LL JUST GET THEM BACK...
I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS, 4TH BATTER
SHUT UP!
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO THAT.

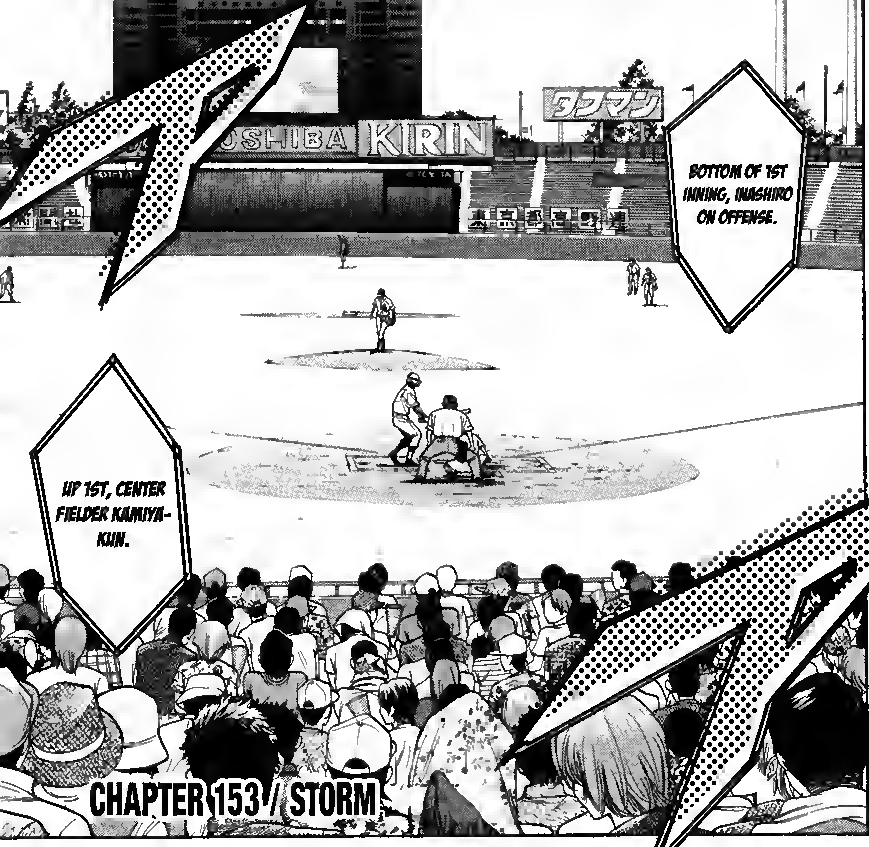
FURUYA
HE'S HERE
MONSTER -KUN!!
FURUYA -KUN!
BOTTOM OF 1ST INNING, SEIDOU NINE ON THE FIELD.
ON THE MOUND IS JERSEY NUMBER 11, 1ST YEAR PITCHER FURUYA -KUN.
DID YOU HAVE YOUR HANDKER-CHIEF...?
DID YOU DRINK WATER...?
ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PLAY DURING THE SEMI-FINALS.
WITH THIS, HE HAS BEEN THE STARTING PITCHER FOR 4 OUT OF 5 GAMES.
NERVOUS?
HE IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE MOUND FOR THIS FINALS GRAND STAGE.

...
What is it?
THAT'S RIGHT! GET THEM ONE AT A TIME!!
JUST PITCH AS YOU USUALLY DO!
IF MY PITCHES ARE HIT, I'M COUNTING ON EVERYONE...

WHAT'S THAT SUD-DENLY!
DISGUSTING!
HUH!?
TOSHIBA
YOU! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME!!
NO... I THINK THAT SENPAI WILL COME ACROSS MANY THINGS...
WHAT IS IT
... THAT GUY...

Yeeees
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THEM SCORE
EVEN IF MY PITCHES ARE HIT
THAT'S RIGHT! DON'T FORGET THAT HUMILITY, FURUYA—!
BAD OMEN
THANK THEM PROPERLY BEFORE YOUR PITCHES ARE HIT—!!
BUT... WITH THESE PEOPLE DEPENDING BEHIND ME, IT IS... REASSURING
TODAY
I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY PITCHING ENTIRELY—!!

HE'S CALM EVEN THOUGH HE'S ON THE MOUND OF THE FINALS...
THAT'S A GREAT DEAL OF COURAGE...
NOW...
TO WHAT EXTENT ARE FURUYA'S PITCHES EFFECTIVE AGAINST THIS LINEUP —



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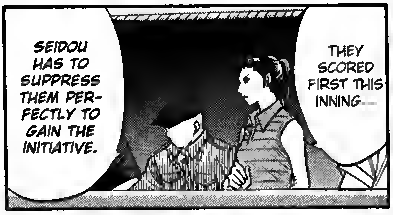

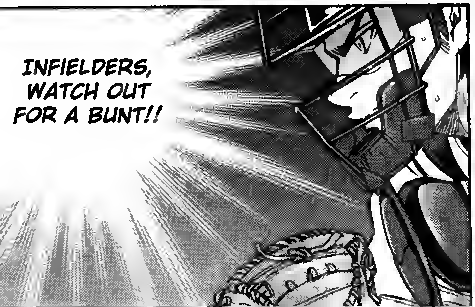

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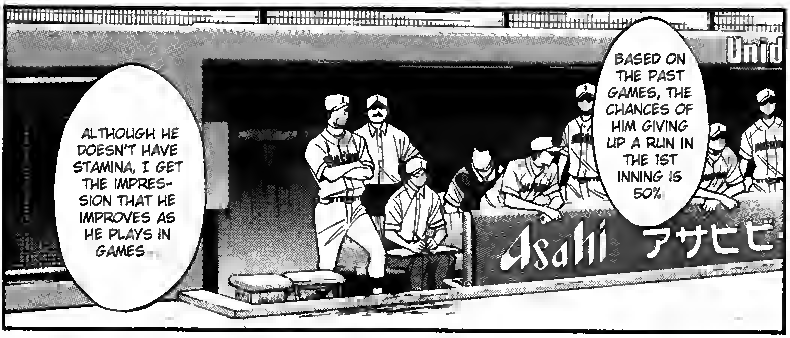
KIRIN
2
THIS GUY RUNS FAST. EVEN IF HE HITS A GROUNDER, HE'LL STILL GET ON BASE...
LETTING HIM GET ON BASE IS BAD NEWS... FURUYA.


ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T HAVE STAMINA, I GET THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IMPROVES AS HE PLAYS IN GAMES
BASED ON THE PAST GAMES, THE CHANCES OF HIM GIVING UP A RUN IN THE 1ST INNING IS 50%
Asahi
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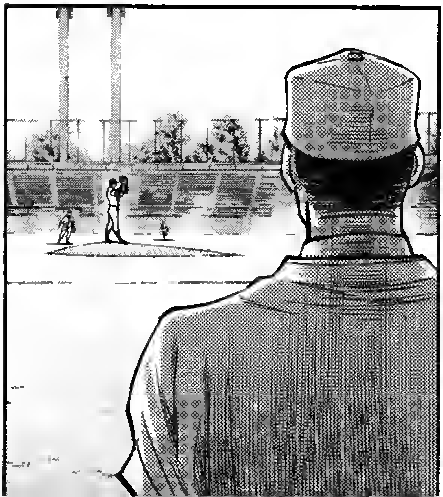
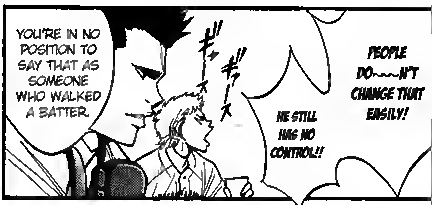
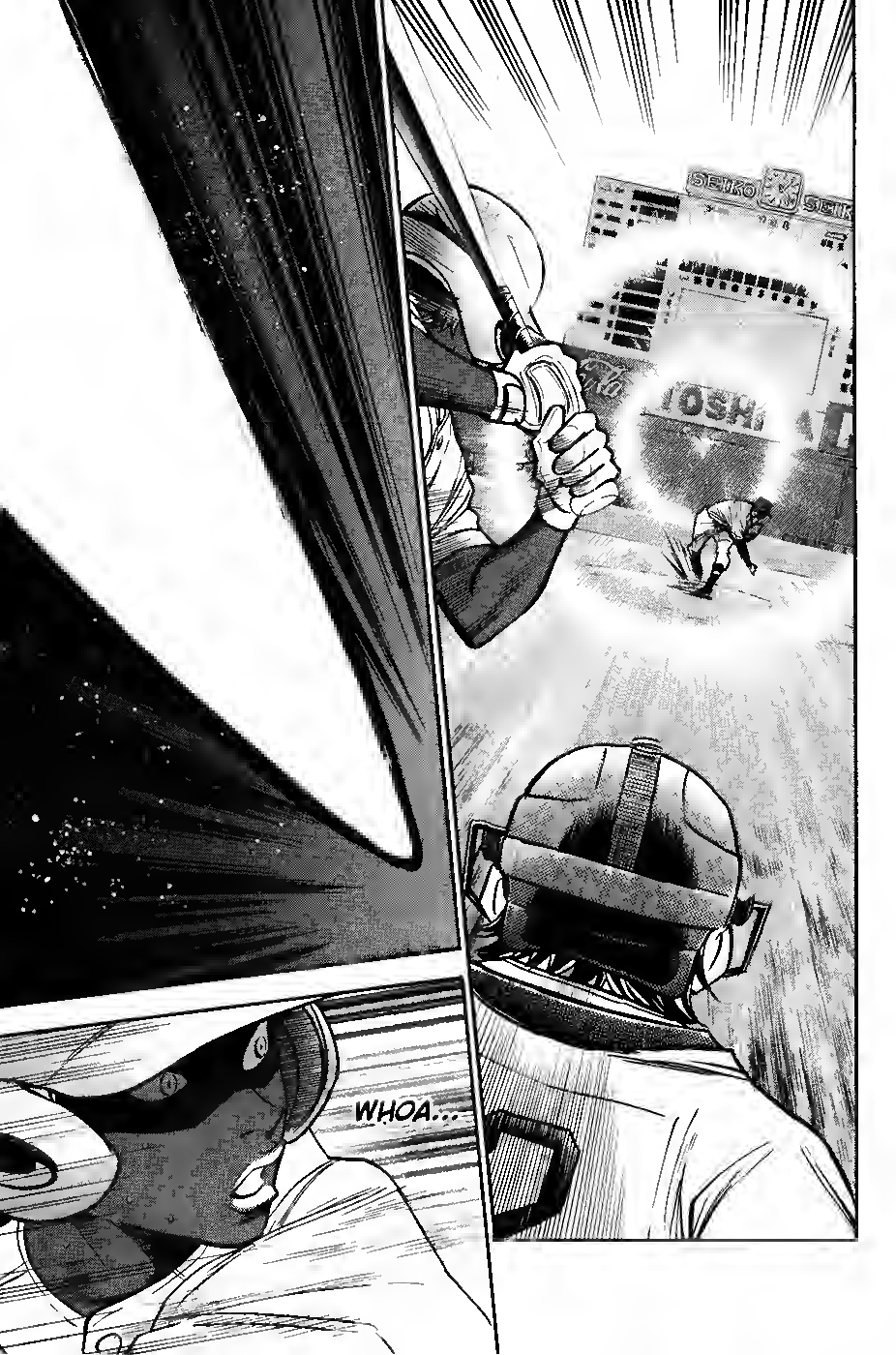
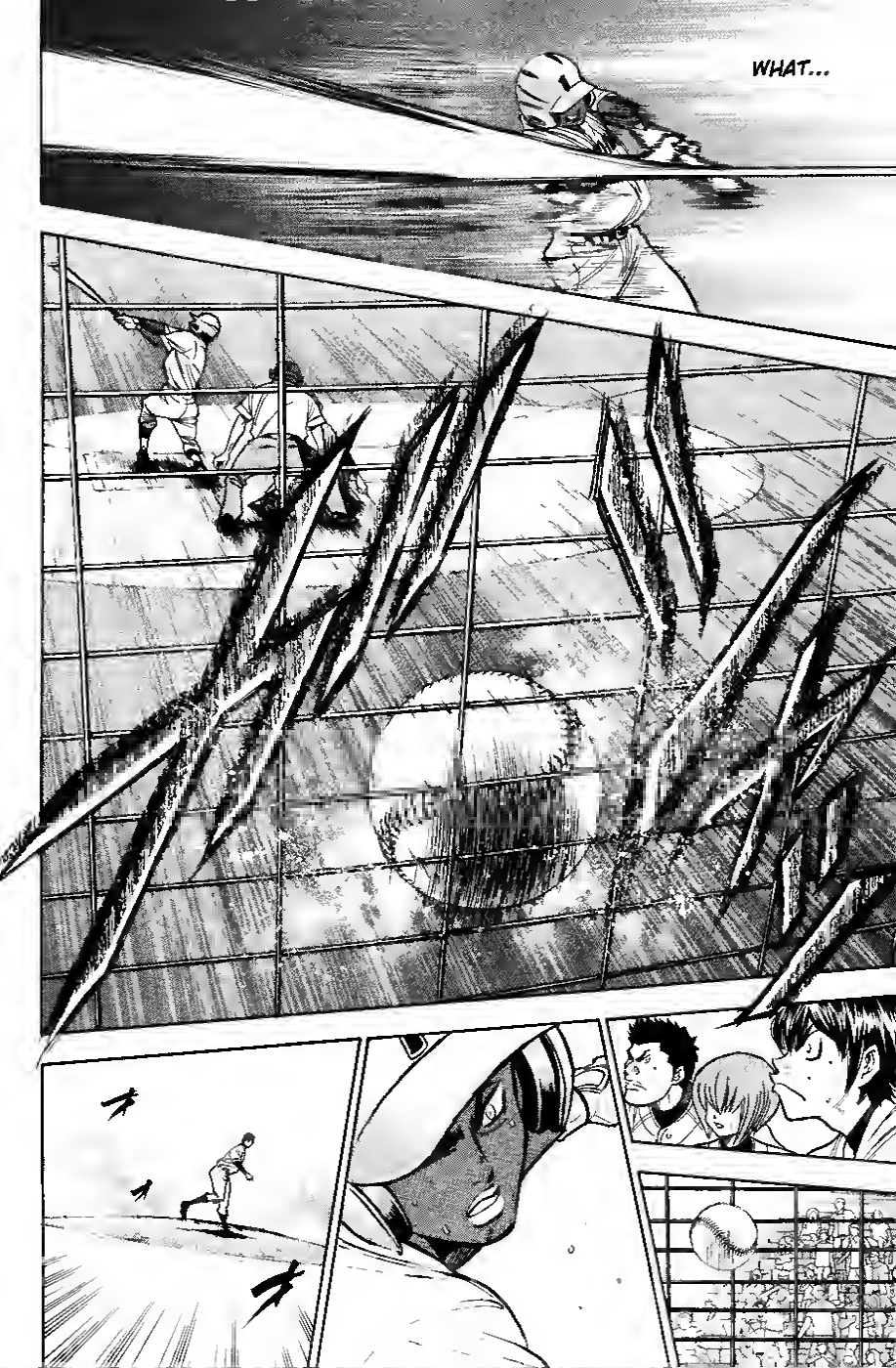



YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO SAY THAT AS SOMEONE WHO WALKED A BATTER.
HE STILL HAS NO CONTROL!!
PEOPLE DO~~N'T CHANGE THAT EASILY!

THESE 2 PITCHES ARE THAT PITCHER'S LIFELINE.
POWERFUL FASTBALLS AND LOW FORKBALLS,

WHEN THE COUNT IS AGAINST HIM, HIT THE EASY PITCHES —
DON'T SWING AT THE HIGH PITCHES.
OUR RUMOURED GOLDEN ROOKIE!
NOW BRING IT!
I THINK THAT ONLY OUR BATTING LINEUP IS CAPABLE OF EXECUTING THIS STRATEGY...
AT FIRST GLANCE, IT LOOKS SIMPLE...
RECORDS
MARUSE ICHITAROU (3RD YEAR)
TAKE A FULL FOLLOW-THROUGH!!
THE FIRST PITCH...! IS CRUCIAL!


SEIKO
WHOA...


WHAT...

HA... HAHA SUCH PRESSURE!
I SWUNG BY REFLEX..
....!!
WHY DID YOU SWING AT A HIGH PITCH~~~
HEY~~~ CARLOS~~~

HALF-ASSED PITCHES WON'T WORK ON THESE GUYS...
BUT, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND FROM THIS...
TOKYO
THAT SAID, HE STILL HIT IT...
KEEP UP YOUR ATTACKS—
カッ!!
DAMN—
A 1ST YEAR THIS GOOD...

HE...
REALLY IS A MONSTER.
TOKYO
H-HIS FASTBALLS ARE INSANELY POWERFUL. CARLOS SWING TOO LATE!
HOW FAST IS HE PITCHING!?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
カキ

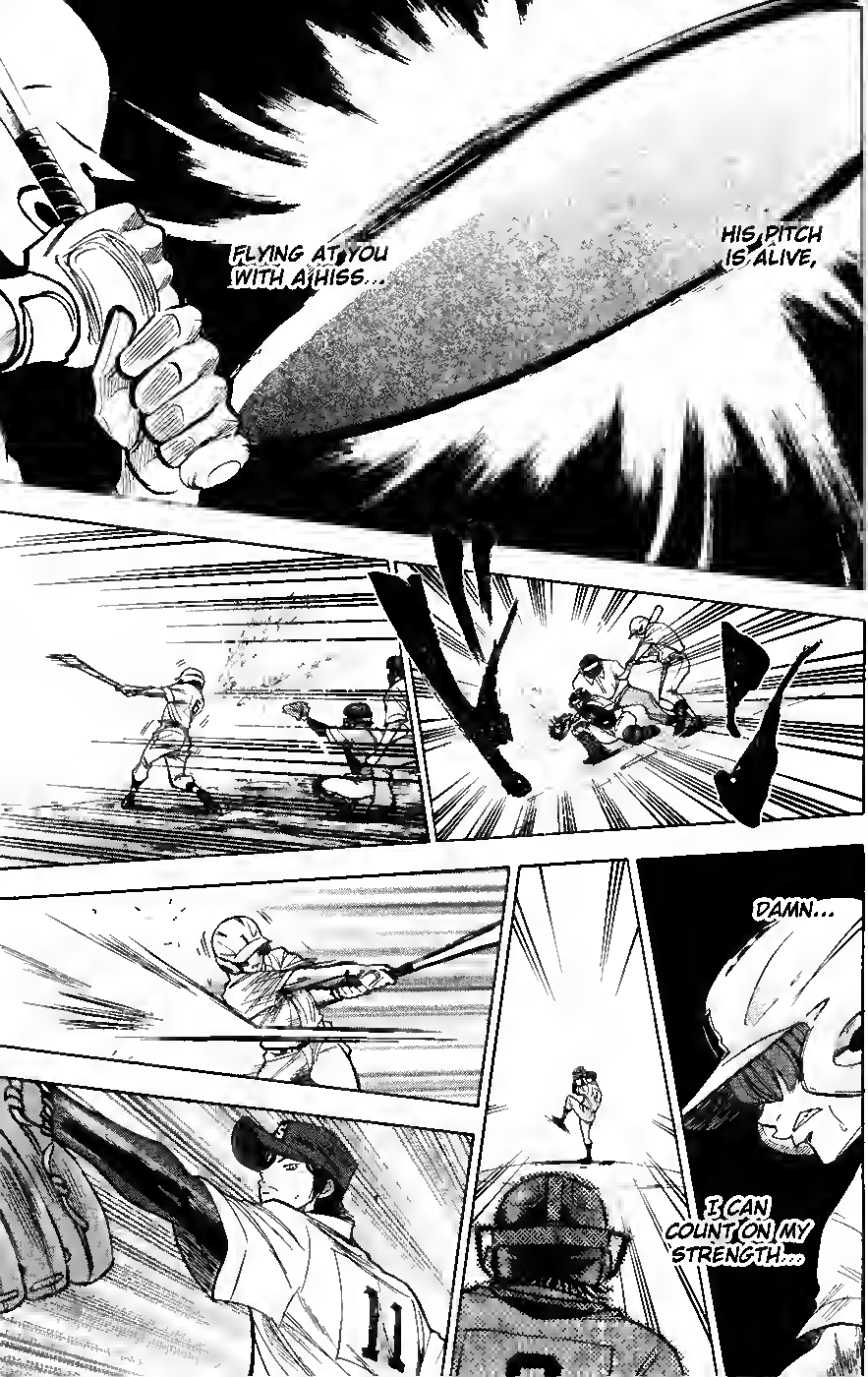
KEEP IT UP, FURU-YA~~~~!!
HOLD THEM DOWN!
HE'S NOT THROWING ANY GOOD PITCHES!
HIS CON-TROL IS BAD ..
....TCH
I WAS JUST SAYING THAT.

TOO EASY!!
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
A FORK-BALL...
AH~~~ THIS...

YEAH! STRIKE OUT—!!
IT'S A GOOD SIGN!
WAY TO GO, FURUYA~~~!!
KIRIN
TOKYO
FURUYA
FU-RUYA-KUN!
SEE FOR YOURSELF FROM THE BATTER'S BOX...
THE PRESSURE FROM HIS PITCHES IS IMPRESSIVE
IS IT FAST?

YOU'D BETTER NOT GO FOR A SAFETY BUNT ON THE FIRST PITCH!
IT'LL BE A FLIER AND YOU'LL BE OUT..
THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO
UP 2ND, SHORTSTOP SHIRAKAWA-KUN.
"THIS GUY'S BATTING IS FORMIDABLE, BUT HE LACKS POWER..."
—BET THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
NO NEED FOR CHEAP TRICKS!
TAKE HIM OUT STRAIGHT UP—...

STRIKE!!
IT'S MORE THAN JUST SPEED...
TOKYO
I TOLD YOU...


FLYING AT YOU WITH A HISS...
HIS PITCH IS ALIVE,
DAMN...
I CAN COUNT ON MY STRENGTH...

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YO
YEAH!!
STRUCK OUT 2 CONSE-CUTIVE BATTERS!
HE MUST HAVE ACCUMULATED STRESS FROM SITTING OUT A GAME~~~!
NICE PITCH-ING, FURU-YA~~~!!
WASHIRO

ALL RIGHT!
SOMETIMES HIS PITCHES MOVE WAY OUTSIDE, BUT
HIS PITCHES ARE STILL CONSISTENTLY IN THE STRIKE ZONE
FURU-YA~~
FURUYA-KUN!
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU CAN SUPPRESS THEM USING FASTBALLS TODAY...
NO~ WE STILL CAN'T BE SURE.
HE MIGHT BREAK DOWN SUDDENLY!
HE'S IN GOOD SHAPE!
YOUR PITCHES ARE FAST...
THE BALL DOESN'T RISE AS MUCH AS EXPECTED...

GO FOR IT~~~ FURUYA
YEAH!
STAY ALERT!!
KEEP A COOL HEA~~~D!!

11
...!!
UWOOOOOH!
3 CONSECU-
TIVE STRIKE
OUTS—!!
...TCH!!

IS THIS GUY FOR REAL!!
HE'S PITCHING AGAINST INASHIRO!
M... MONSTER!
WITH THIS, THEY HAVE ONCE AGAIN GAINED THE INITIATIVE
B
...
um that face again
YEAH
...HE'S ABSOLUTELY IN TOP FORM, ISN'T HE?

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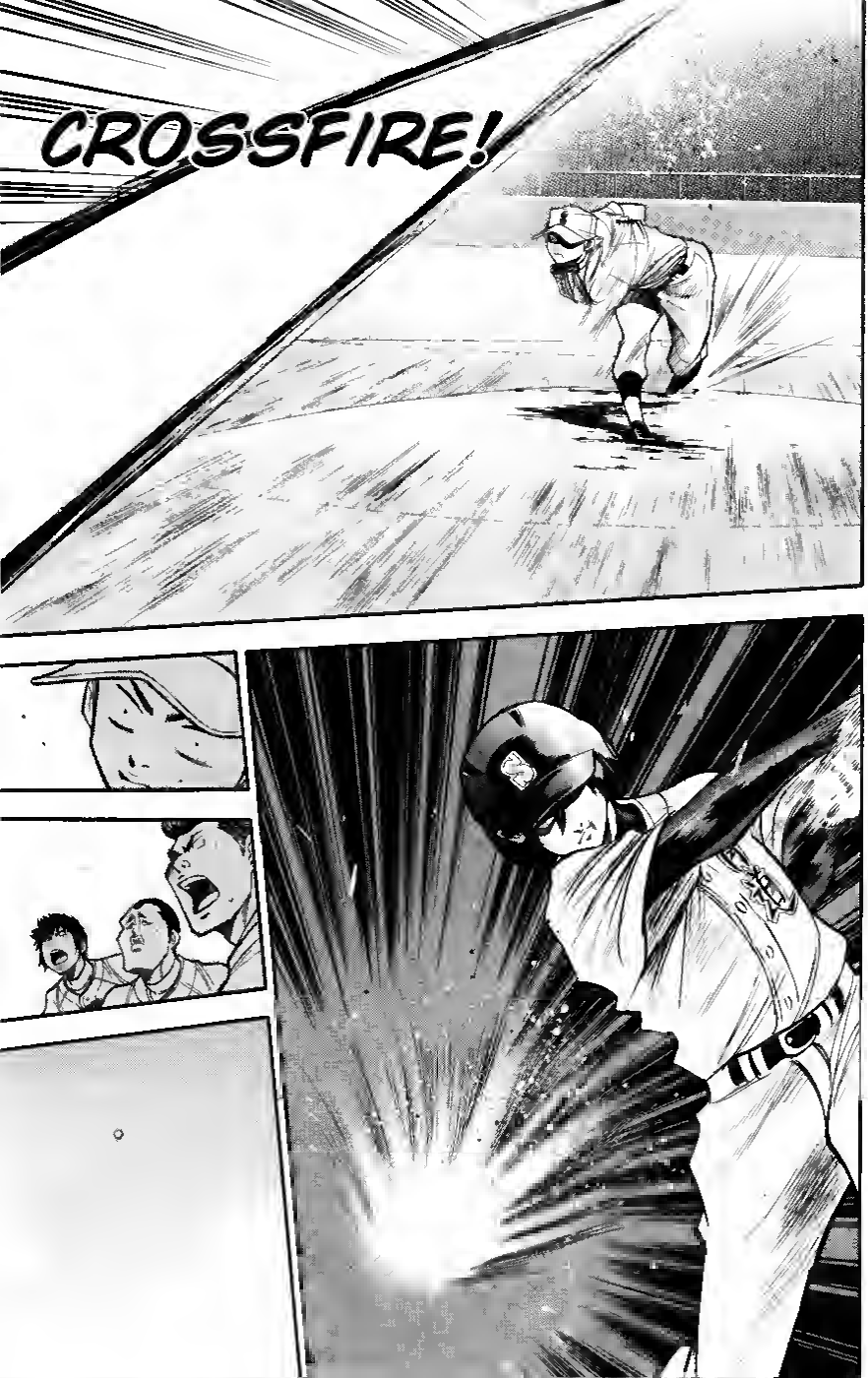
ズバッ

YOU WANT TO HIT IT, DON'T YOU... MY CHANGE-UP..
IF IT IS MIXED IN WITH HIS FASTBALLS, EVEN IF I KNOW IT, MY BODY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH IT...
THE DIFFERENCE IN SPEED IS GREATER THAN I EXPECTED...
FURUYA
NOW, BRING IT ON..
GOLDEN ROOKIE.
DON'T MIND IT! DON'T MIND IT!
JUST DO IT AS USUAL!
UP 7TH, PITCHER FURUYA-KUN.

HOW DO I MAKE YOU AFRAID...
HUH?
INASHIRO
EAT THIS
What kind of advice is that
DON'T THINK ANYTHING UNNECES-SARY— BECOME AN IDIOT, AN IDIOT!
HOW CAN YOU HIT IT IF YOU'RE AN IDIOT...


CROSSFIRE!

UWOH~~~
FOUL!
I swung too early...
WHAT A PI-TY~!!
BUT IT'S A GOOD HIT!!
NASHI

パァン
You
IT'S A BALL, SO IT'S FINE!
INNINGS
BALL !
WHY ARE YOU PITCHING STRAIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!?
YOU IDIOT!!
HE HASN'T REGAINED HIS NORMAL COMPOSURE, JUST LIKE THE 1ST INNING...
Draft one
SEIDOU WILL WANT TO SCORE MORE RUNS
WHILE HE'S STILL UNSTABLE AND PITCHING BALLS
HE GOT SERIOUS AFTER GIVING UP A RUN, DISRUPTING HIS CONTROL...
NARUMIYA-KUN HAD TO DEAL WITH ALL OF LAST YEAR...
ALTHOUGH THIS IS A COMMON PROBLEM

TOKYO

TSUBASA-KUN!
NICE PITCH, NARUMI-YA~~~
YEAH!! PERFECT!!
HIS PITCHES ARE MORE VARIED THAN LAST YEAR...
PITCHING TO THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CORNERS, THROWING FASTBALLS SUPPLEMENTED BY BREAKING BALLS...

ONCE HE GETS INTO HIS PACE, THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM...
INASHIRO
IS IT REALLY FAST!?
HOW IS IT!?
Water
HOW DOES IT FEEL!?
青 1 0
稲 0
JUDGE

Coca-Cola
TOYOTA
BOTTOM OF 2ND INNING—

FOUL!
IT'S THE SAME FOR THE LAST FEW BATTERS... THEY WON'T SWING AND MISS THAT EASILY...
THIS 1ST YEAR IS INCREDIBLE
I STILL SWUNG TOO LATE..
THE CLEANUP IS CHOKING UP.

INSTEAD OF MY BATTING, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GET ON BASE ..
THE POWER OF HIS PITCHES PLUMMETS IF THERE ARE RUNNERS.

TCH...
SO YOU WON'T SWING...
THREE!
BALL!
I WOULD SWING IF IT WERE A LITTLE HIGHER...
JUST NOW THAT WAS A FORKBALL...
N...NO...
IF IT'S HIM...
IT SHOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ASK FOR ANOTHER ONE-BOUNCE FORKBALL.
WITH THIS, THE COUNT IS 3-2*
T/N 3 BALL 2 STRIKES
ONE-BOUNCE = BOUNCE ONCE

WHO ...
WOW!

THAT GUY IS IN TOP CONDITION!
ボコッ
4 CONSECUTIVE STRIKE OUTS～～!!
DON'T DO THAT～～
That'll hurt me!
SORRY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? 4TH BATTER!!
HAH～ I'M GLAD
WITHIN THE STRIKE ZONE
UP 5TH, PITCHER NARUMIYA-KUN.
FURUYA～～!!
FURUYA!!
AH
SHUT UP!
MONSTER PRINCE!!
KEEP IT UP—
FURUYA～～

ALL RIGHT! BRING IT!!
I WANT TO MAINTAIN MY CURRENT CONDITION...
WHAT DO YOU WANT? RETURN TO THE DUGOUT?
NO... I WANT TO PITCH A LITTLE MORE...

YOU SHOULD BE SAVING YOUR FULL STRENGTH FOR THE MOUND!
ALSO, SEEMS LIKE FURUYA IS RELIABLE TODAY.
12
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT... RETURN TO THE DUG-OUT!
WHAT!

CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE A 1ST YEAR...
YOU ...
AND THROW A NICER PITCH—
YEAH! SUPPRESS THEM!!
GO FOR IT, FURU-YA—!!

IT WOULD HELP US MORE IF IT FLEW FOR-WARD—
ANOTHER FOUL...
FURU-YA!!
...
HE IS SUPPRESSING INASHIRO'S CLEANUP WITH HIS STRENGTH.
Amazing
HOLD THEM DOWN!
WHAT'S WITH... THAT LOOK.
You bastard.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE...
TO THIS PERSON.

ダイヤのA
エース

SO HOT—
WHAT INNING IS IT NOW?

NO... SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT TANBA..

HUH? NARUMIYA-KUN LOST A RUN?
IS SEIDOU'S STARTING PITCHER TANBA?

CHAPTER 155 / CHANGING GEARS

11
KYO
おおおお
TH... THIS MAKES IT 5 STRIKE-OUTS—

ON THIS GRAND STAGE!!
TOKYO
NOT TO MENTION HIS OPPONENT IS THE FAVORED TEAM, INASHIRO TECH!!
Hyahaha
FURU-YA~~!!
IS DRAWING APPLAUSE AND CHEERS FROM THE AUDIENCE IN THE STANDS!
FURU-YA-KUN!
WOW!!
THE STELLAR PITCHING, UNLIKE THAT OF A 1ST YEAR,

COULD IT BE DIFFERENT WHEN THEY SAW HIS PITCHES FROM THE BATTER BOX.
HE'S BETTER THAN RUMOURED. OUR BATTERS ARE AT A LOSS AGAINST HIM...
INASHIRO
WHAT WERE YOU DOING!? I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WASN'T STRUCK OUT!!
FOUL TO 3RD, OUT BY FLIER.
AS YOU SEE, THE OUTFIELD STANDS HAVE BEEN OPENED.
SPECTATORS ARE STILL FILING INTO THE STADIUM.
Uniden

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE JINGU STADIUM OPENED UP THE OUTFIELD STANDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL?
THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH ATTENTION THIS GAME IS ATTRACTING—
TEOA
そば処
WHOOOOO!
HOW WILL THIS GAME TURN OUT?
I WANTED TO WATCH ON MY CELL PHONE BUT MY BATTERIES RAN OUT!

HUH? INASHIRO WAS SCORED AGAINST FIRST?
AH! HELLO OGA-SAN~~!!
SHUT UP!
AREN'T YOU STU-DYING!
IN THE END YOU STILL CAME HIRAKAWA!!
Coca-Cola

HEY~~! THE BALL DIDN'T GO THROUGH!
That's harsh!!
THAT SHORT-STOP'S A 2ND YEAR...
I'M NOT! I AM SUP-PORTING BOTH TEAMS!!
WHAT? ARE YOU CHEERING FOR SEIDOU?
HIS BALL IS INCON-SISTENT ...
IT LOOKS LIKE NARUMIYA HASN'T WARM UP TO THE GAME YET..

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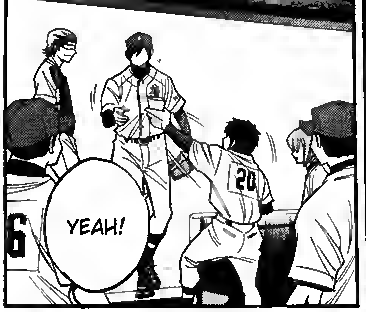
THAT'S FAST...
I CAN STILL FEEL THAT POWER EVEN THOUGH I'M WATCHING ON TV.
AT THIS POINT, THE GAME IS COMPLETELY IN SEIDOU'S CONTROL.
ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS FLASHY,
INASHIRO ARE HITTING FOULS AND REFUSE TO BE STRUCK OUT EASILY..
THAT 1ST YEAR IS ABNORMAL.

CSK
IS IT ALRIGHT TO PITCH FULL STRENGTH RIGHT FROM THE START?
SEEMS LIKE THEY WANT FURUYA TO GO AS FAR AS HE CAN..
NO WORRIES ABOUT THAT.
SEIDOU STILL HAS RELIEF PITCHERS
...SEEMS SO.
AFTER ALL, THEY BROUGHT ALONG TANBA FOR LATER..

WOW!
THE 6TH～～!!
3RD BATTING

T... THIS GUY...

56 PITCHES
THE PITCH COUNT...?
HE PITCHED MORE THAN EXPECTED... BECAUSE THEY KEEP HITTING FOULS OFF HIM...
YEAH! THREE UP, THREE DOWN!
NICE PITCHING!
WAY TO GO~~ FURUYA!!
GO CHANGE YOUR UNDER-SHIRT!
NICE PITCHING!!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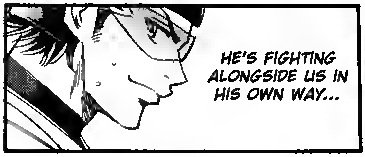
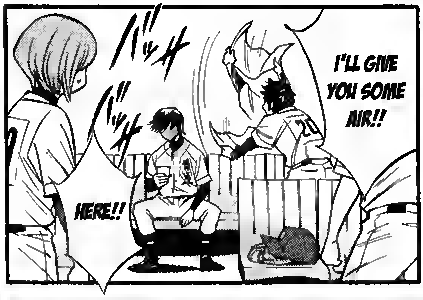
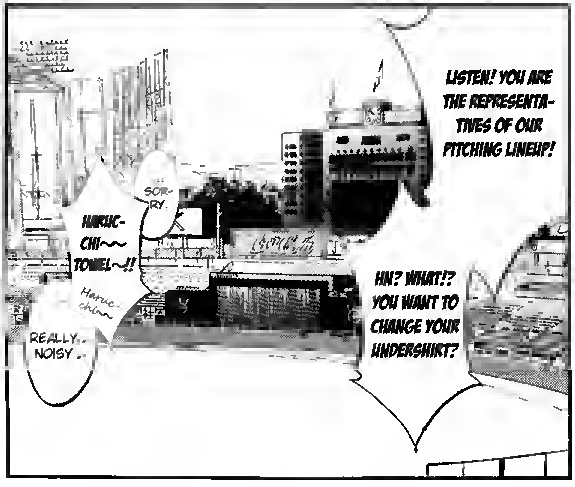
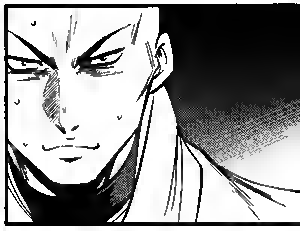
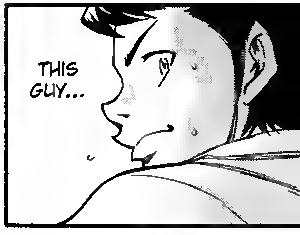

HE'S FIGHTING ALONGSIDE US IN HIS OWN WAY...


I'LL GIVE YOU SOME AIR!!
HERE!!

Stop!
AH! WAIT!! DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH!!
JUST DRINK HALF, JUST HALF!!


LISTEN! YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR PITCHING LINEUP!
SORRY.
HAKUCHI~~ TOWEL~!!
Hakuchi
REALLY.. NOISY..
HM? WHAT!? YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR UNDERSHIRT?




THIS GUY...

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IT'S THE END OF THE 3RD INNING AND INASHIRO IS STILL HITLESS
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THIS GAME WOULD DEVELOP LIKE THIS
YEAH
IT'S SEIDOU'S CLEANUP BATTER IN THIS INNING...
IF THEY CAN GET RUNS, THEN IN ONE GO—...

YEARGH!
KIRIN
Uniden

QC: This is part of a song, in the RAWs, it was cut off, but it didn't make sense in English, so we've put the whole line.

STRIKE!!
BATTER OUT!

NASHIRO
STRUCK OUT TWICE CONSECUTIVELY...?
STOMP STOMP
YU, YUUKI-KUN WAS...
INSTEAD OF FACING OFF WITH US, HE'S OBVIOUSLY ...
T... THAT BASTARD
AND FINISHED WITH A FASTBALL...
THIS TIME HE USED HIS CHANGEUP AS A WASTE PITCH...
NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE PROBLEM
W, WHAT'S WRONG WITH LEADER?
IS HIS CONDITION BAD...

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INASHIRO TECHNICAL PLAYER PROFILE

Vol.3

KAMIYA CARLOS TOSHIKI (2ND YEAR)

- Born: Tokyo Capital
- Position: Center Fielder
- Throw: Right, Bat: Right
- Inashiro lineup: Leadoff
- Unique stance in the batter's box, always keeping tabs on his own pace
- Defense using his running speed is said to be among Top 4 in Kantou
- Invited to Inashiro Tech by Narumiya
- Kind person who takes care of others, but goes around stark naked in the dorms, raising concern from others instead
- Born and raised in Japan
- Father is a Brazilian and runs a local Brazilian restaurant
- Respected person: Miura Kazu

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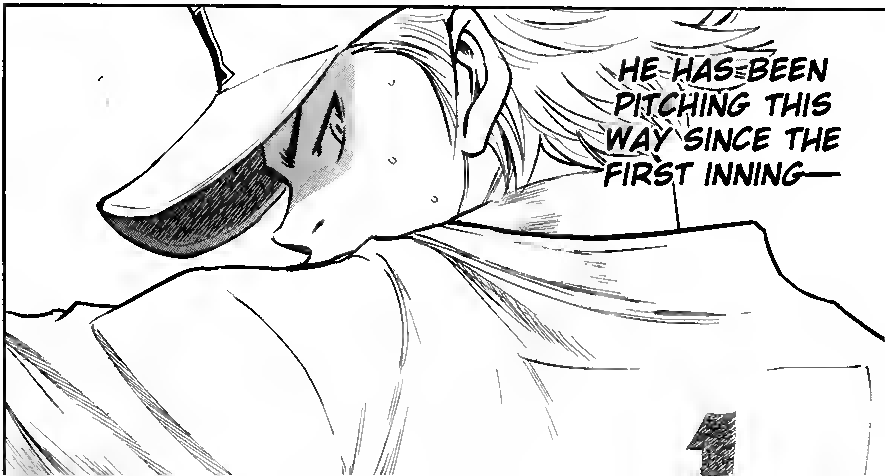
CHAPTER 156 / MGP

INASHIRO'S ACE, NARUMIYA-KUN, IS GRADUALLY GETTING INTO THE GAME!
EVEN THOUGH IT STARTED OFF WITH SEIDOU'S CLEANUP, IT ENDED WITH THREE UP, THREE DOWN THIS INNING TOO——!!

青道
JUST NOW WHEN YUUKI-KUN WAS AT-BAT
YEAH... HE WAS COMPLETELY STRUCK OUT...
YOU NEED A MINIMUM PITCH COUNT TO STRIKE OUT BATTERS...
ALSO
HE DIDN'T PITCH FULL STRENGTH WHEN FACING OFF WITH ANY OF THE BATTERS EXCEPT YUUKI-KUN. .
IN ONE LOOK, COMPARED TO FURUYA-KUN'S GLORIOUS PITCHING,
NARUMIYA-KUN HAS ONLY PITCHED WITH 70% OF HIS STRENGTH AT A LOWER PITCH COUNT. .

MORE THAN THAT, HE HAS THE POWER TO SUPPRESS ANYONE,
EXERTING OVERWHELMING PRESSURE ON THE OPPONENTS.


HE HAS BEEN PITCHING THIS WAY SINCE THE FIRST INNING—

THERE AREN'T MANY PITCHERS IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY WHO CAN PITCH IN THIS WAY...
NO NO WAY...
TO BE THIS GOOD EVEN THOUGH HE'S A 2ND YEAR—
NICE PITCHING!!
NARUMIYA MEI—...
MEI—!!
Give it your best!

HE CAN ONLY PITCH THAT WAY IF HE'S COMPLETELY LOOKING DOWN ON HIS OPPONENTS...

IT'S REALLY UN-BELIEVA-BLE!
IT'S NOT BECAUSE HE'S IN BAD SHAPE, BUT HE'S SAVING HIS STRENGTH AGAINST PLAYERS OTHER THAN YUUKI...

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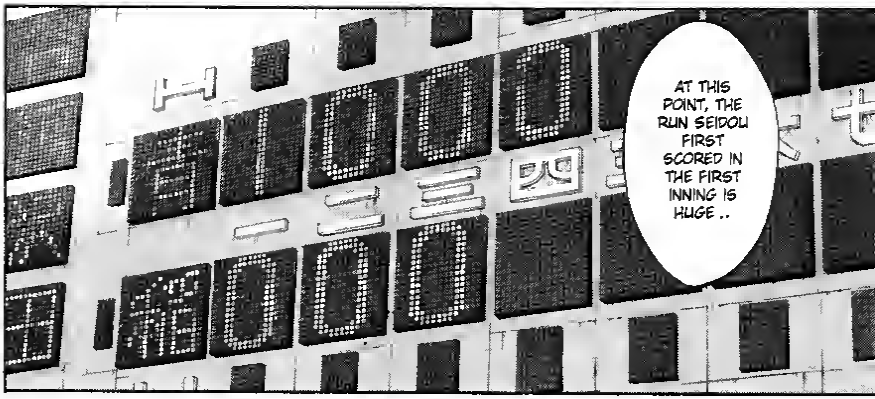
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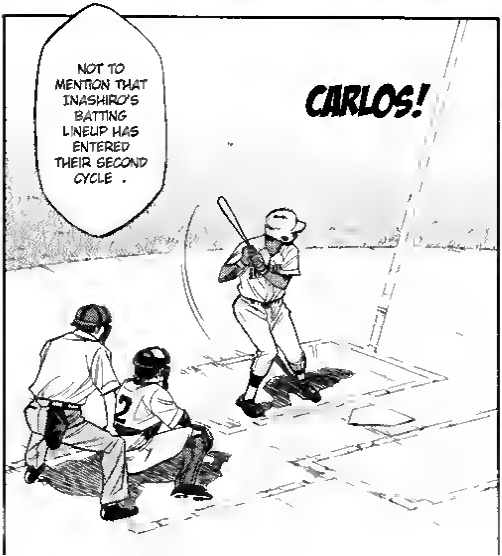
NOT TO MENTION THAT INASHIRO'S BATTING LINEUP HAS ENTERED THEIR SECOND CYCLE .
CARLOS!

INA-SHIRO'S ON OFFENSE LATER,
THE ONES WHO ARE AHEAD ARE MORE MENTALLY STRAINED THAN THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO CATCH UP ..

BALL!

2 CONSECUTIVE PITCHES ARE BALLS THAT FELL WIDE OUT OF THE STRIKE ZONE.
SEIDOU'S BATTERY CALLS FOR A TIME OUT.
YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH POWER
DON'T BE MISLED BY HIS STANCE
AREN'T YOU SATISFIED AFTER GETTING SO MANY STRIKE OUTS?
SEE, LIKE THIS, WITH YOUR ARMS WIDE OPEN—
TAKE A DEEP BREATH! DEEP BREATH—!!
FROM HERE ON, WE WILL FOLLOW UP MORE PERSISTENT-LY,
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL LET A 1ST YEAR DEFEAT US REPEATED-LY...

HE'S OBVIOUSLY USING MORE STRENGTH THAN DURING THE PREVIOUS INNING
HE MUST HAVE NOTICED THE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE ON THE BENCH. .
NOW, HOW FAR WILL YOU LAST?
PITCHING WITH FULL STRENGTH
SK
KIRIN

THIS TIME, THE BREAKING BALL GOT CAUGHT IN HIS FINGERS!
AND THAT IS BALL THREE.
GET THEM ONE AT A TIME!
PITCH TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!
NO PROBLEM!
LET HIM HIT IT!
青道

I'LL SWING IF YOU PITCH ME A GOOD ONE.
THE COUNT IS 3-1.

BALL!
BALL FOUR!

Hear that

MIYAUCHI, LET'S GO!
YEAH

GOOD EYE!!
YEAH!

THAT'S A DIFFICULT TRAJECTORY THAT COULD BE JUDGED AS EITHER A STRIKE OR A BALL...

THE MOST TROUBLE-SOME RUNNER ON BASE

AAHH~~~ IT'S A WALK FOR THE LEADOFF BATTER!

AND THAT CHANGED THE FLOW OF THE GAME EASILY—...
WILL HE RUN FOR IT..
COULD BE ..
INASHIRO SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF MIYUKI-KUN'S POWERFUL THROWS .
RUN IF YOU WANT TO—
TOKYO

T/N: SCORING POSITION = RUNNER AT 2ND OR 3RD BASE

WITH THIS, IT'S 1 OUT, RUNNER ON 2ND.
WITH RUNNER IN A SCORING POSITION, IT IS THE CLEANUP'S TURN AT-BAT!!
IN CONTRAST TO SEIDOU IN THE FIRST INNING, INASHIRO IS PLAYING IT SAFE.

YOSHI !!
NAGA-SAWA!
INASHIRO
西東京
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE STILL IN A PINCH, YOU'VE GOTTEN AN OUT WITH ONE PITCH..
FOCUS ON THE BATTER, FURUYA!
1 OUT!
1 OUT!
INASHIRO

I CAN HIT IT!
AS EXPECTED, WITH THAT SET POSITION, THE POWER OF HIS PITCH DECREASES.
UP 3RD, 3RD BASEMAN YOSHIZAWA-KUN.
OKAY!
DON'T MIND THE RUNNER!
LET HIM HIT IT, FURUYA!
NOW BRING IT!!
GET HIM!
YOU CAN DO IT!

IN THIS SITUATION,
TOSHIBA
KIRIN
TRUST THE COMRADES BEHIND YOU—...
I DON'T FEEL THE SAME PRESSURE ...

THERE IT IS!!
HE HIT THE FIRST PITCH—!!

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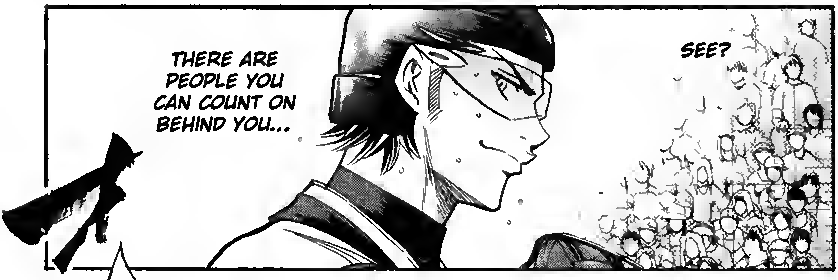
Asahi

T/N: FOR THOSE WHO HAD FORGOTTEN, MGP = MASUKO GUTS POSE



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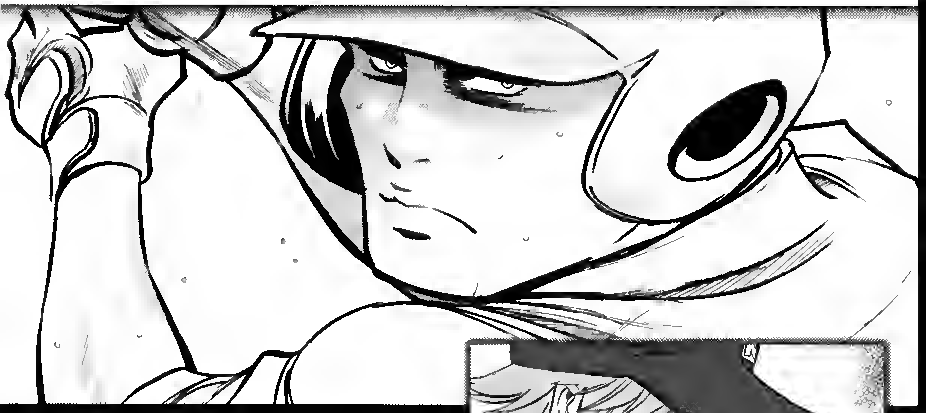
TENSE MIDGAME OF THE FINALS!

AND THE OPPOSING INASHIRO, WHOSE ABSOLUTE ACE HAS YET TO SHOW HIS TRUE POTENTIAL POWER.

I THINK THAT HE'S ONLY SHOWING HIS TRUE PROWESS WHEN HE IS FACING OFF WITH YUUKI..
INASHIRO
ALTHOUGH I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, HE HAS BEEN SAVING HIS STRENGTH SINCE THE FIRST INNING...

THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESTIGE, RELENTLESS ATTACK OF THE 4TH BATTER—!!



THE PATH TOWARDS VICTORY, THROUGH MANY OBSTACLES AND DIFFICULTIES—.